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The NRC's Safety Culture
Policy Statement – Domestic
and International Initiatives

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Importance of Safety Culture

- Nexus between safety culture and operational events
- Licensees bear primary responsibility for the safe use of nuclear materials
- NRC must consider the importance of safety culture in its oversight programs
- Collectively, we cannot underestimate the importance of information sharing for all industries using or engaging in activities involving nuclear materials

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Safety Culture: Definition

Definition of Nuclear Safety Culture:

Nuclear safety culture is the core values and behaviors resulting from a collective commitment by leaders and individuals to emphasize safety over competing goals to ensure protection of people and the environment.

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Traits

Leadership Safety Values and Actions	Problem Identification and Resolution	Personal Accountability
Leaders demonstrate a commitment to safety in their decisions and behaviors	Issues potentially impacting safety are promptly identified, fully evaluated, and promptly addressed and corrected commensurate with their significance	All individuals take personal responsibility for safety
Work Processes	Continuous Learning	Environment for Raising Concerns
The process of planning and controlling work activities is implemented so that safety is maintained	Opportunities to learn about ways to ensure safety are sought out and implemented	A safety conscious work environment is maintained where personnel feel free to raise safety concerns without fear of retaliation, intimidation, harassment or discrimination
Effective Safety Communications	Respectful Work Environment	Questioning Attitude
Communications maintain a focus on safety	Trust and respect permeate the organization	Individuals avoid complacency and continually challenge existing conditions and activities in order to identify discrepancies that might result in error or inappropriate action

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Safety Culture

- Outreach and Education
 - Educational Tools
 - Case Studies and User Guide
 - Brochure (English and Spanish)
 - Posters
 - Conferences/Workshops
 - Resources and support for program offices
 - Common Language Initiative
 - International Outreach

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Safety Culture Panel

- Purpose
- Panelists

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